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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

They may be heavy in weight, but they are not heavy in heart—the members of the New England Fat Men's Club.

Always up-to-date, the Bellows Falls Times has distanced Santa Claus by two weeks with its annual Christmas edition. The twenty-four pages of the edition are well filled with advertising matter, indicating that the contemporary is prosperous as well as progressive.

Through the retirement of State Attorney Frank D. Thompson at the close of the present term of county court, Caledonia county will lose a strong prosecuting officer. During the entire time that State Attorney Thompson has been in office he has been fearless in the discharge of the duties of the position and has thereby won the disapproval of the lawless class, while at the same time the approbation of the law-respecting side of the county has been secured for him. His retirement from the office is because of his intention to remove from the county to Barton, where he will assume the practice of his father-in-law, W. W. Miles, who has recently been elevated to the Supreme court bench.

DOES NOT DIE EASILY.

Foot ball is putting up some strenuous kicks, for a sport that was considered in the last stages prior to death. Coming right down to the point of deciding whether or not to abolish the game in its entirety, the colleges balk at a proposition to do away with the game. The conference of some of the smaller institutions—small except Columbia—held in New York last Friday refused to sign the death warrant of the game by a decisive vote. And this in a section where, because of accidents and brutality in games, one would suppose there would be the greatest opposition to the game. A strong opposition was brought to bear by several of the smaller and less important colleges, but the efforts were futile because of the same spirit toward the game, as recently expressed by President Tucker of Dartmouth college. President Tucker admits that there are abuses about the game which ought to be corrected, but he thinks that the game is so distinctively academic (not generally taken up by other than schools and colleges) that it should not be dropped. Foot ball, he declares, as one of the athletic sports of the colleges, has taken up a great amount of time which otherwise would be used in idleness and dissipation. He admits there are two great evils about the game, dishonesty in making up the teams and brutality in playing the game. He considers that a great improvement has been made in both these points through the athletic committees of the various colleges, but to still further obviate the difficulty he recommends the interference of the colleges in both matters. President Tucker says: "Let there be an intercollegiate committee appointed by the faculties, which shall pass upon all personal questions of eligibility as a board of examiners would pass upon candidates for admission to college; and, further, let the umpires of the games be entirely in the employ of the college authorities, with arbitrary power to control the game, affixing and using such penalties as may guarantee its character."

JINGLES AND JESTS.

The Law of Compensation.
You'll see it proved most every day;
The story isn't new—
The man who has a lot to say
Has nothing much to do.
—Washington Star.

Secret of His Happiness.
Boulder—You seem to be remarkably happy since your marriage.
What's the explanation?
Boulder—My wife is a firm believer in fairy stories.—Chicago News.

Thrill.
Mary owned a little tooth
And had it filled with gold.
And so a little something saved
To use when she was old.
—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A SONG OF WINTER.

The Frost King now is on his throne,
The mercury owns his way.
The trees are bare, but the sun is bright
This clear December day.
The morning is fresh with the frosty air
That sets our blood aglow.
Away with the summer's sickening heat!
Hurrah for the ice and snow!

Hurrah for the sleighbell's merry chime,
And the ring of the skater's steel!
A welcome change from the lightning
And the thunder's roaring peal.
Hurrah for the whirling drifts of snow
Swift piling, far and near—
And the snow shovel, too! Say we
forgot!
How soon will spring be here?
—Somerville Journal.

THE AVERAGE MAN.

The average man is the man of the mill,
The man of the valley, or man of the hill,
The man at the throttle, the man at the plough—
The man with the sweat of his toil on his brow,
Who brings into being the dreams of the few,
Who works for himself, and for me, and for you.
There is not a purpose, a project or plan
But rests on the strength of the average man.

The growth of a city, the might of a land,
Depend on the fruit of the toil of his hand;
The road, or the wall, or the mill, or the mart,
Calls daily to him that he furnish his part;
The pride of the great and the hope of the low,
The toll of the tide as it ebbs to and fro,
The reach of the rails and the countries they span
Tell what is the trust in the average man.

The man who, perchance, thinks he labors alone,
The man who stands out between hovel and throne,
The man who gives freely his brain and his brawn
Is the man that the world has been built upon.
The clang of the hammer, the sweep of the saw,
The flash of the forge—they have strengthened the law,
They have rebuilt the realms that the wars overran,
They have shown us the worth of the average man.

So here's to the average man—to the one
Who has labored unknown on the tasks he has done,
Who has met as they came all the problems of life,
Who has helped us to win in the stress and the strife.
He has bent to his thinking neither of fame
Nor of tribute, nor honor, nor prize, nor acclaim—
In the forefront of progress, since progress began—
Here's a health and a hail to the average man!
—Chicago Tribune.



Santa Claus may put up a bluff with the Reindeer business in these Auto days—but he "makes good" with the goods.

No mercerized cotton in his all-wool Suits.
We are headquarters this season for his outfit and he will feel quite put out if you fail to come in.
Special Suits; Special Overcoats; Special Scarfs.
Special Gloves, Special Smoking-Jackets, Sweaters, Mufflers, Bath Robes, etc.
Specially for Holiday presents.

Fur Coats to Rent.

WE CLEAN, PRESS AND REPAIR CLOTHING.

FR. ROGERS & CO.
174 Main Street, Barre, Vt.

GOWN GOSSIP.

Almost all the coats, both long and short, have open neck and vest effects.
Paradise plumes, wings, birds and made ows' heads are in demand, while breasts, quills and aligrets are in high favor.

Tourist coats this season are unusually rough and stylish, with big manish pockets and leather trimmings and buttons.

If black is becoming it is about the most sensible and economical choice for an evening gown, brightened with a rich Persian girdle or a touch of white.

The most effective wraps for theater and evening wear are of white with rarely a touch of color, though one sees an occasional smart coat of white with knots or twists of black velvet combined with its trimming.—New York Post.

Flat Lands.

South America has the greatest unbroken extent of level surface of any country in the world. The llanos of the Orinoco are so flat that the motion of the rivers can scarcely be detected over an area of 200,000 square miles.

"In the Same Boat."

"In the same boat," an expression often given by English authorities as an Americanism, really dates back to the first Christian century, when it was used by Clement I., Bishop of Rome, about the year 100, in a letter to the church of Corinth.

Annual Meeting.

The stockholders of the National Bank of Barre are hereby notified to meet at their banking rooms on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, at ten o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and to transact any other proper business.

F. G. Howland, Cashier.
Barre, Vt., Dec. 7th, 1905.

Annual Meeting.

The stockholders of the Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co. are hereby notified to meet at their banking rooms on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and to transact any other proper business.

F. G. Howland, Treasurer.
Barre, Vt., Dec. 7th, 1905.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the People's National Bank of Barre will be held at their banking rooms on Tuesday, January 9th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

D. P. Town, Cashier.

TOWN TOPICS

TERSELY TOLD

Bare-headed, jacketless and rubberless, a smart-looking dandy sailed down the street the other day when the snow flakes were nearly blinding and the temperature was trying hard to reach the zero point. Her smiling, unconcerned look caused one man to remark that he had "sposed the styles changed with the season." Another man, a younger one, began humming "In the Good Old Summer Time." But the young lady was totally oblivious to it all.

There was a public supper in town the other day, and there was also a young man who thought that he was up with the times. But when he bore his contribution, a beautifully light cake, to the hall twenty-four hours after the supper had been held he found the hall deserted and with no indication of a supper. He was found wandering about disconnectedly and told that he was "twenty minutes late." Since then he has been endeavoring to hide his confusion.

With her nose tilted at an acute angle and an expression of supreme disgust on her countenance, a woman the other evening entered one of the cars which the Central Vermont railroad had recently reserved for the ladies on the local branch line. Her state of mind was such that she exploded; she simply had to explode.

"The idea," she snapped out, "of putting on such a good smoking car and leaving this for us ladies!"

That and kindred other things equally uncomplimentary broke from beneath her even rows of pearly white teeth.

The whole matter is referred to the Central Vermont railroad. The car was dark, it was dingy, and on entering it one really had the depressing feeling of entering a dungeon with the light gone forever.

The time approaches when the usual swapping of Christmas gifts takes place. Two young ladies were discussing the situation and an order book the other day.

"Oh, see, isn't that a beauty," exclaimed one of the young ladies, who was buying something for a girl friend.

"Yes, that's very pretty; but here's one that's dead cheap," was the prompt reply.

"Let me see it," eagerly demanded the first young lady. "Yes, that's the cheapest there is in the book. I'm going to buy that for —"

Without much doubt, — was having the same ideas.

"No, I never got drunk in my life," said one guest to another as they sipped their tea over the dinner table at a local hotel.

"Nor I, either," chimed in the other.

"I wouldn't get drunk for a thousand dollars."

"And I wouldn't for five thousand," declared the second.

And thus they kept it up, talking all the while about the fearfulness of getting drunk, but admitting that they "looked sartin" occasionally. Finally one of them stated his code succinctly, as follows:

"When I'm with whiskey drinkers, I'm a prohibitionist; when I'm with prohibitionists I'm a whiskey drinker."

And the appearance of his nose gave indication that he had spent most of his life with prohibitionists.

Dressing rooms at the opera house are as scant as some of the costumes of the actresses. Whenever a really, up-to-date opera company comes to Barre the chorus girls are huddled together like so many sheep. To meet the needs the sacred precincts of the city court room have been invaded by the girls, and now after every opera the painted pictures troop down the stairs through the City Hall

corridor and into the court room. To make the congestion worse, the audience pours out by the same door and by another door on the other side of the stage. The two stairways converge the crowds of chorus girls, stage hands and "bald-headed row" occupants into a tumbled mass of humanity in the City Hall corridor. The occupants of the bald-headed row are not among those who are clamoring for a change of the arrangement.

The rumble and roar to be heard in the vicinity of Pearl street does not come from a Niagara as might be supposed. It is the grinding of roller skates on a hardwood floor. The sport has been revived in Barre, as it has been in many other cities and towns of the Eastern states, and the skaters take the same ludicrous tumbles they did in the heyday of the sport a score of years ago. The middle-aged men and the old young men remember the time when roller skating was tremendously popular in Barre. At that time the long, low building opposite Depot Square, known now as the "old skating rink" was the Mecca for the skaters, as the building was constructed for the purpose.

MEDALLION COFFEE

Is a delicious Mocha and Java blend. It is put up by Martin L. Hall and sold in Barre by us, exclusively. This Coffee is pronounced by everyone who has tried it to be the best they ever used.

SMITH & CUMINGS,
305 North Main St.

THOSE EARMARKS

The new Winter models of the "Dorothy Dodd" Shoe bear those earmarks which justify their claim to the title, "Fine Footwear."

And how few "shoes for women" there are that can justly claim this title. How hackneyed it is because generally so carelessly and inaptly used! Yet how suggestive of pretty ankles, daintily arched insteps and restful ease when applied to such Shoes as the "Dorothy Dodd."

Our showing of the new things is complete. May we not expect the pleasure of your inspection?

W. J. McLEAN,

200 No. Main St., Barre, Vt.

A BANK BOOK

FOR CHRISTMAS

Relieves the perplexity of those who find difficulty in selecting suitable and useful holiday presents.

A well established and popular custom is to open a savings account with this bank and present it to children, relatives or friends as a

CHRISTMAS GIFT.

THE PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK.

JUST ARRIVED

A large assortment of Cooking Utensils, Coffee and Tea Pots, Wash Basins, Double Boilers, Kettles and Pans of all sizes. All these goods are best. For they are the Enamel Ware which we are giving away with one can of Baking Powder, Red Seal and Washington Powder.

MERCHANT & FRASER,

Telephone 131-11 6 Elm Street, Barre, Vt.

WATCH THIS SPACE

FOR OUR HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Vaughan Store

Lay Something By for a Rainy Day!

Now, we know about as much about who we are quoting as the fellow did about philosophers when he said Mendelsohn was one of the greatest, but we do believe in the saying, "Look out for the rainy day." Buy a good Umbrella and have it when you want it. Sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, husbands, wives, sweethearts, best fellows, uncles, aunts, cousins, great grandmothers and great grandfathers, they all like to own a good one. They make first class holiday gifts and perhaps you would like to know that we have got a hundred new ones. Price \$1.25 to \$8.50 each.

Special:

One dozen \$3.00 to \$5.00 Wash Silk Waists in 40 and 42 size, \$1.98 each.

The balance of importer's samples of Linens at 20 per cent off during the week. This includes towels, Tray Cloths, Scarfs, Lunch Cloths, etc.

The Perley E. Pope Co.,

(Taplin's Old Store)

Corner Main and State Streets. - - Montpelier, Vermont.

Boiled 'Live Lobsters!

Our Lobsters are fresh from the coast of Maine. They were shipped to us alive and were boiled after we received them. Everyone who has ever tried Boiled 'Live Lobster knows that it is a very delicate dish and will wish more. If you never have eaten any you should try some immediately.

JAYNES & MARTIN,

Telephone 327-3. 74 North Main St., Barre, Vt.

JUST RECEIVED. Another barrel of those Genuine Old-Fashioned Horehound Drops. Five cents per box. Twenty cents per pound.

RED CROSS PHARMACY,

Miles' New Block. 160 North Main Street. Barre, Vermont.

Removal Sale!

As before announced, we are to vacate this store for a better equipped one in the A. Tomasi block Dec. 15th. In order to avoid the trouble, and consequent loss, of packing and unpacking breakable goods we will dispose of them at rock bottom prices.

Here Are a Few Bargains!

Pickles—10c bottles at 9c, 20c bottles at 18c and 25c bottles at 23c.

Olives—10c bottles at 9c, 15c bottles at 13c and 25c bottles at 23c.

Boiled Cider—In quart bottles at 23c.

Honey—Fine Comb Honey, per pound, 18c.

Baking Powder—12-ounce cans, fancy plates free, former price 25c, now 20c.

Coffee—"Special Offer," cup and saucer with each pound, former price 35c. In order to avoid packing crockery will sell it at 33c per pound.

Tea—About 20 pounds of choice "English Breakfast," formerly 29c, now 25c per pound.

It is unnecessary for us to say that this is no sale gotten up for the purpose of palming off old stock, dear at any price. Everybody knows all our goods are new and in prime condition.

Park & Stephen,

Telephone 12-4. 66 North Main St., Barre, Vt.

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Or New Year's Remembrance
Of a Bank Book.

Have you thought what a splendid gift that would be? Just the thing for your boy or girl or your namesake?

Habits of thrift and economy taught by this means while children are young makes them successful in after years.

Savings accounts can be opened by depositing one dollar or more and receiving interest at the rate of

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